

## Atlanta City Council District

**12** 

Capitol View Manor Capitol View Metropolitan Parkway Orchard Knob Oxford Village Perkerson

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## **PARKS**

Arthur Langford Jr. Park
Browns Mill Golf Course
Cleveland Avenue Park
Emma Millican Park
Empire Park
Gilbert House
Harper Park
John C. Burdine Center
Lakewood Fairgrounds &
Amphitheater
Perkerson Park
Pryor-Tucker Playlot
Southeast Atlanta Park
Southside Park
Sylvan Circle Playlot



City Council District 12 is a diverse community of people that contains more than six neighborhoods and all or part of neighborhood planning units (NPUs) X, Y and Z. While the District is one of the least densely populated districts in the City, it is the site of a much new development.

District 12 has the highest park acreage among all districts. The average Council District contains slightly more than 297 acres; District 12 contains nearly 640. No Council District has more recreation centers. The City is in the process of transforming Langford Park and Recreation Center to provide programming and facilities designed specifically for seniors.

The Capitol View Manor community has been extremely active in Emma Millican Park. The community worked with the city to expand the park and partnered with Park Pride to create a conceptual master plan for Millican Park. For many years, the Perkerson Park Restoration Committee has organized volunteer days and hosted the annual "Lighting of the Trees" in December. Park Pride has provided volunteer work and materials for Gilbert House.

The Atlanta BeltLine project will have a significant impact on District 12, as the transit and trail will run along the border of the Capitol View and Capitol View Manor communities. The BeltLine Redevelopment Plan proposes the creation of new parks at Murphy Triangle and a 28 acre Hillside Park. The plan also offers significant economic development opportunities.

The quality of life of a great city is determined by the character of its public spaces, where residents meet, shop, do business, play or simply wander. Within the public realm, no area plays a more important role in our quality of life than parks and greenspace.

Each and every day, parks and greenspace improve Atlanta's quality of life. They clean the air, filter polluted water and help keep children off the street. Parks improve physical health, promote mental well-being and help children learn. Parks help reduce crime and strengthen the economy. Perhaps most importantly, parks unite neighbors, foster friendships and build community.

The City of Atlanta has 338 parks totaling 3570 acres. Atlanta's Park System is among the smallest park systems for a major American City. Among the nation's 25 largest cities, Atlanta has the smallest percentage of land dedicated to parks. The good news is that Atlanta has made significant investments in its park system in the last several years. The 2006 budget increased park funding by nearly \$3 million, a 10% increase. The BeltLine promises to add more than 1000 acres of new parks, and the City passed a three-year \$105 million bond for parks and greenspace. Given the commitment of the Mayor and Council, Atlanta's park future appears bright.



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Number of Parks	18
Parks ≥ 1 Acre	13
Total Park Acres	640.21
Largest Park	Southside
Playgrounds	9
Ballfields	12
Tennis Courts	21
Outdoor Basketball Courts	8
Recreation Centers	6